

Recycling does make a difference!



Recycling



**Boone County Solid Waste
Management District**

Recycling is one of the best stories of the late 20th century



Recycling, which includes composting, diverted over 72 million tons of material away from landfills and incinerators in 2003, up from 34 million tons in 1990 — doubling in just 10 years.

Recycling turns materials that would otherwise become waste into valuable resources.

Recycling:

- Protects and expands U.S. manufacturing jobs and increases U.S. competitiveness in the global marketplace.
- Reduces the need for landfilling and incineration.
- Saves energy and prevents pollution caused by the extraction and processing of virgin materials and the manufacture of products using virgin materials.
- Decreases emissions of greenhouse gases that contribute to global climate change.
- Conserves natural resources such as timber, water, and minerals.
- Helps sustain the environment for future generations.

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Recycling not only makes sense from an environmental standpoint, but also makes good financial sense.

For example, creating aluminum cans from recycled aluminum is far less energy-intensive and less costly than mining raw materials and manufacturing new cans from scratch.

The economic and environmental benefits of paper recycling are many.

Paper recovery:

- Reduces greenhouse gas emission that could lead to damaging climate change.
- Saves money since recycling fiber is cheaper than harvesting and processing virgin fiber.
- Saves considerable landfill space, since paper products constitute the largest fraction of municipal solid waste, accounting for nearly 40 percent of all municipal solid waste generated, according to the EPA.
- Reduces the volume of waste burned in waste combustors, thus reducing air emissions.

**Recycling really does
make a difference in
your community!**



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